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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard B. Streeter et al.  
Serial No.: 10/090,968  
Filing Date: 03/05/2002  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING  
MITRAL REGURGITATION  
Group Art Unit No.: 3738  
Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino  
Attorney's Docket No.: VIA-17

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed October 13, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from January 13, 2007 to April 13, 2007.

A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.  
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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